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SUBJECT: THATCHER NEW TORY LEADER

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1. MARGARET THATCHER TOPPED SECOND BALLOT WITH 146, SEVEN MORE THAN 139 REQUIRED, AND BECOMES NEW TORY LEADER. WHITELAW VOTE WAS 79, HOWE AND PRIOR EACH 19, AND PEYTON 11 WITH 2 ABSTENTIONS.

2. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT TORY MPS HAVE VOTED NOT ONLY FOR A NEW LEADER BUT ALSO FOR NEW DIRECTION IN PARTY'S POLITICS. WHITELAW, PRIOR AND HOWE, WHOSE VOTES TOTALED 117,

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HAVE ALL BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HEATH INHERITORS, TOO TIMID OR TOO POLITE TO CHALLENGE HEATH FROM THE BEGINNING,

WHILE THATCHER SHOWED COURAGE, DEFTNESS, AND DETERMINATION.

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